

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A technique is provided for providing information about the local environment of an imaging system to a remote operator of the imaging system. The information may be provided by one or more local sensors situated about the imaging system, such as video cameras, microphones, pressure sensors, or climatological sensors, or by one or more local operators. The information may provide the remote operator with indications of the presence or absence of a patient or personnel in the imaging system environment, indications of the position of moving components of the imaging system, and/or indications of the climatological conditions at the site of the imaging system. The remote operator may operate or activate the imaging system in view of the available information concerning the local environment of the imaging system.